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Timely Tidbits ...

St. Aloysius Festival

The advent of Labor Day also heralds the coming of that annual family favorite, the St. Aloysius Festival. For details about the event – which takes place the weekend of Friday, August 29, through Monday, September 1 – please see page 7.

Adult Education

Romulus/Van Buren Community Education is currently accepting registrations for its fall GED, high-school completion, and community enrichment classes. GED and high-school classes begin the week of September 8; enrichment classes begin at various times and vary in length. For more information, call Sharman at 941-0610.

Postal Workers Recognized

Heading into Labor Day weekend is the perfect time to celebrate National Postal Employee Recognition Day and to praise the extraordinary efforts of the postal employees during the UPS strike. Friday, August 29, will be a day of appreciation throughout both the District and the Nation.

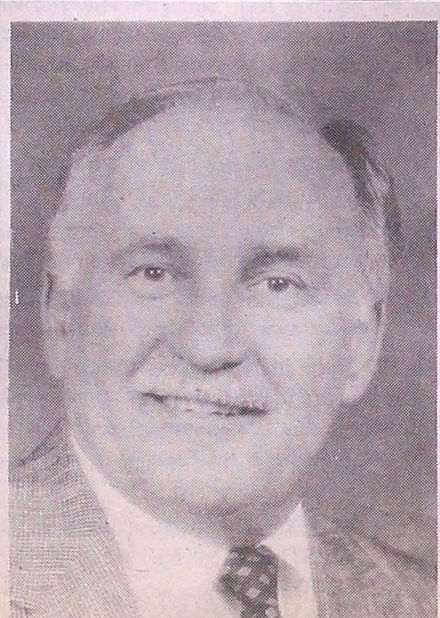
During the 16-day strike, Postal workers collected, sorted, distributed, and delivered nine billion pieces of mail.

"Americans are seeing us in a new light," noted Detroit District Manager, Carl T. January, Jr. "They have a deeper understanding after the UPS strike, and they know that they can count on us to deliver all their mail."

Romulus Postmaster, Andy Pietrzyk, commented on the amazing attitudes of the workers.

"There were no complaints. It was business as usual, even though our employees were handling up to five times our normal volume. We are always willing and ready to do whatever it takes to make sure our customers receive their mail. Our employees are to be commended for their dedication and their positive attitudes. We couldn't have done it without them." □

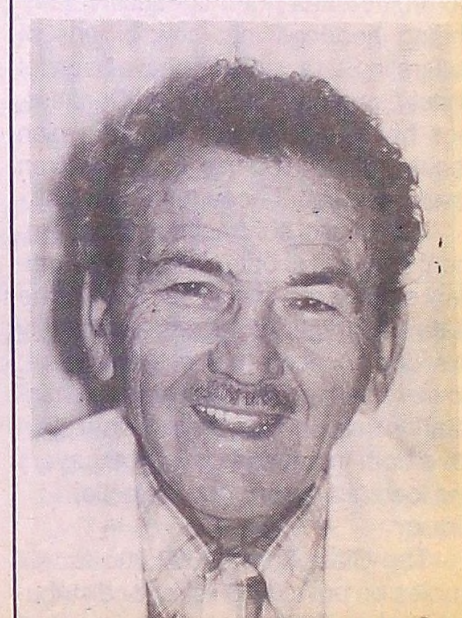
One of Three Candidates for Mayor Will Be Eliminated in September 9 Primary Election



Leo L. Knasiak



Mayor William M. Oakley



Theodore Romak

Editor's note: With three candidates in both its mayoral and treasurer races, the City of Romulus will hold a primary election on Tuesday, September 9. The top two vote-getters for each office will appear on the ballot in the November 4 general election, along with unopposed candidate for City Clerk, Linda Choate, and 11 candidates for City Council.

A brief profile of the mayoral candidates appears below; a similar article on the candidates for treasurer (Howard Kesner, Kris Moe, and Pamela Morrison-Kersey) appeared in our August 15, 1997 issue.

Challenging incumbent William M. Oakley for the position of Mayor of the City of Romulus are Leo L. Knasiak and Theodore Romak.

Leo L. Knasiak

With his slogan of "Eliminate career politicians – elect a qualified professional," Leo Knasiak is convinced that he is the best man for the job.

Knasiak – a sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict – is an Eastern Michigan University business graduate and 30-year employee of the Ford Motor Company, where he has worked as a controller's office staff member, policy and procedure technician, inventory manager, and auditor. The 11-year Romulus resident is especially proud of his 23-year-old daughter, Deanna, who spoke before a Congressional committee in Washington, D.C. last spring on the subject of health care savings accounts.

Knasiak has attacked the Oakley administration on several issues, especially the delays that have occurred in Downtown development projects.

"The Oakley administration lacks business knowledge and has inadequately negotiated contract loopholes that have left the residents and businesses of downtown Romulus without any means of recourse and on the road to bankruptcy," Knasiak stated. "Original estimates indicated that the residents and businesses would only be inconvenienced for five to six months; now, the administration seems to be saying that it forgot to negotiate a timetable for completion, or who would absorb any additional costs."

"The estimates for those additional costs are in the range of a half-million dollars," he continued. "Unfortunately, these mistakes will be paid by the taxpayers and the business community of Romulus."

If elected, Knasiak promises that he will:

- work to make changes to the appearance and perception of Romulus,
- appoint competent and professional department directors,
- insure the enforcement of City ordinances (no more plea-bargaining at taxpayer expense, he says),
- not support any type of toxic or non-toxic well, and
- make a difference in the Romulus community by making residents' concerns his number-one priority.

"The residents and businesses of Romulus deserve the best: a qualified mayor who has the negotiating expertise, education, management experience, and proven leadership skills to lead Romulus into the next millennium," Knasiak concluded.

For more information about the Knasiak campaign, write him at 35209 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI 48174, or call 326-5992.

Mayor William M. Oakley

Lifelong resident Mayor William M. Oakley is proud of all that's been accomplished in the past two years, especially in the areas of public safety, finance, development, and community relations.

"Our police department required immediate attention when I took office," Oakley stated. "The department was understaffed and accustomed to carrying out day-to-day responsibilities using outdated equipment. This created an environment where we simply didn't have enough sworn officers on the road – and the ones we did have were bogged down with record-keeping, transporting prisoners, and other such duties. Worse, the City simply didn't have the resources in its depleted general fund to correct the problem."

The solution, said Oakley, was to hire a police chief who had extensive experience in modern law-enforcement administration and an in-depth understanding of the availability of State and

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Guest Commentary

State Oversight Committee Wants Accountability in Contracting Process

By State Representative Pat Gagliardi (D-Drummond Island), Chairman of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee

The House Oversight and Ethics Committee has been conducting fact-finding hearings into how billions of dollars in State contracts have been let under Governor John Engler. Our hearings have uncovered evidence which should raise a red flag for any citizen concerned about government waste.

The goal of contracting our government services should be to provide efficient service at a lower cost. Most of the State budget already goes to privately provided services such as health care. However, several of the Engler Administration's recent forays into privatization have both increased cost to taxpayers and lowered customer satisfaction.

Liquor

The State spent \$650,000 for six studies on privatizing its liquor distribution system, which returned a profit of \$95 million to taxpayers in 1996. None of these studies showed that privatizing the system would save taxpayers money or generate more income to the State.

The Engler Administration ignored the studies and the profits, closed the State's warehouses, and fired more than 300 employees. Three private companies were selected by the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to operate a \$600 million business – without bids and without any contracts.

The conservative Mackinac Center for Public Policy, a longtime supporter of privatization, has called this scheme "a case study in how not to privatize." The new system has resulted in unfilled orders, inventory shortages, and frustrated small-business owners facing financial ruin because of empty shelves. The LCC has been unable to keep track of taxes collected, balance its own books, or complete the monthly tax reports required by law. To add insult to injury, the LCC has just announced price increases on over 600 items.

Campgrounds

DPCS International Inc. was awarded a no-bid contract to provide telephone registration services for State campgrounds. By all accounts, the system was a disaster. Customers complained of constant busy signals, disconnections, and poor service. The owner of DPCS, a "soft money" financial contributor to the Republican Party, eventually collected a \$500,000 fee to walk away from the failed operation. In late July, the peak of camping season, the Department of Natural Resources

revealed that the replacement system had been down for nearly a week.

Roads

ABC Paving Co. was given a \$3.2 million contract to privately manage 20 miles of State roads around Lansing. The bid made by the company was 32% higher than cost estimates by State engineers. County road commissions were prohibited from bidding on the contract – even though the company, which has been managing the roads since 1994, has had higher costs for plowing, pothole patching, and salting than county crews.

The Mackinac Center has written that "when contracts are not awarded through competitive bidding and followed through with proper monitoring, they can become fertile ground for political kickbacks and cronyism."

The House Oversight and Ethics Committee will continue to keep a close watch on your money and how it is doled out to contractors. Our goal is to develop legislation which will promote accountability within the contracting system, including standards for performance-based contracts and rules for State bureaucrats to follow when bidding contracts. Our efforts will ensure that Michigan's privatization efforts save taxpayers money without reducing the level of service they deserve.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113. □

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Seafood Is "Reel" Good Meal

By Florine Mark, president and chairman of the board of The WW Group

As the end of summer approaches, seafood lovers will want to reel in the last of the season's fresh catch before it's gone for good. Not only is seafood a nice change of pace from eating meat, but most of it is also lower in fat and calories.

Some seafood, however, is high in fat. An easy way to remember the fatty dishes is by the acronym S.M.A.S.H., which stands for salmon, mackerel, anchovies, sardines, and herring. To watch your waistline, watch your portion size when serving these varieties of fish.

Scallop Seviche makes an elegant first course or a light entree. Seviche is a popular appetizer from Latin America

which uses raw fish. The acid in the lemon juice will actually cook the meat by firming it and turning it an opaque color. When shopping for fresh scallops, look for ones that have a moist, shiny look and a sweet aroma. After purchasing, refrigerate them immediately and use within two days.

An impressive barbecue starts with Grilled Swordfish and Summer Vegetable Kabobs. Because of its firm skin, swordfish can be prepared in a variety of ways. It can be grilled, sauteed, broiled, baked, or even poached. Fresh swordfish can be found from late spring to early fall.

Be adventurous and try something you haven't had before. Discover the wonders of the sea.

Scallop Seviche

makes 4 servings

15 ounces bay scallops

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

1 medium cucumber, pared, seeded, and diced

1 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt

1 medium tomato, finely diced

1 medium pickled jalapeno pepper, seeded and sliced (reserve 1 tablespoon juice)

1/4 cup sliced scallions (white portion with some green)

2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro

4 lettuce leaves

Lemon slices, to garnish

In medium nonreactive bowl*, combine scallops and lemon juice; toss to coat thoroughly. Place sheet of plastic wrap directly on surface of scallop mixture to cover completely; refrigerate at least 5 hours or overnight.

While scallops are marinating, place cucumbers in colander. Sprinkle with salt; toss to combine. Let cucumber mixture stand 2 hours; rinse under cold running water; let drain thoroughly.

Drain scallops; discard liquid. Return scallops to bowl. Add drained cucumber, tomato, pepper and reserved juice, scallions, and cilantro; toss to combine. Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour.

Line serving platter with lettuce leaves. Top lettuce with scallop mixture; garnish with lemon slices.

*It's best to marinate in bowls made of nonreactive material, such as glass, stainless steel, or ceramic; ingredients such as lemon juice may react with other materials, causing color and flavor changes in foods.

Each serving (1 cup) provides: 1 3/4 Fruit/Vegetable, 1 1/2 Protein/Milk

Per serving: 112 Calories, 1 g. Total Fat, 0 g. Saturated Fat, 35 mg. Cholesterol, 350 mg. Sodium, 7 g. Total Carbohydrate, 1 g. Dietary Fiber, 19 g. Protein, 45 mg. Calcium

Source: *Weight Watchers Slim Ways Mexican*, 1996

Grilled Swordfish/Summer Vegetable Kabobs

makes 4 servings

1 cup dry white wine

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoons minced, fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried

2 tablespoons minced, fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried

1 tablespoon minced, fresh thyme leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried

2 teaspoons olive oil

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 rinsed, drained anchovy fillets, chopped, or 1 teaspoon anchovy paste

Freshly ground pepper to taste

1 pound, 4 ounces swordfish steak, cut into 1" cubes

1 medium green bell pepper, cut into 1" pieces

1 medium red or yellow bell pepper, cut into 1" pieces

8 large plum tomatoes, halved and seeded

2 medium zucchini, cut into 1" slices

1 large onion, cut into 8 wedges

To prepare the marinade, in a gallon-size sealable plastic bag, combine the wine, juice, rosemary, oregano, thyme, oil, garlic, anchovies, and black pepper; add the fish, bell peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, and onion. Seal the bag, squeezing out air; turn to coat the fish and vegetables thoroughly. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally.

Spray the broiler rack or grill with nonstick cooking spray; place 5 inches from heat. Preheat the broiler or prepare the grill according to the manufacturer's instructions. Prepare eight 18" or longer skewers. If using wood skewers, soak in water at least 15 minutes, if using metal, spray with nonstick spray.

Drain the marinade into a small saucepan and bring to a rolling boil; boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat.

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School's Open – Drive Carefully

Safe Driving Tips When School's Open

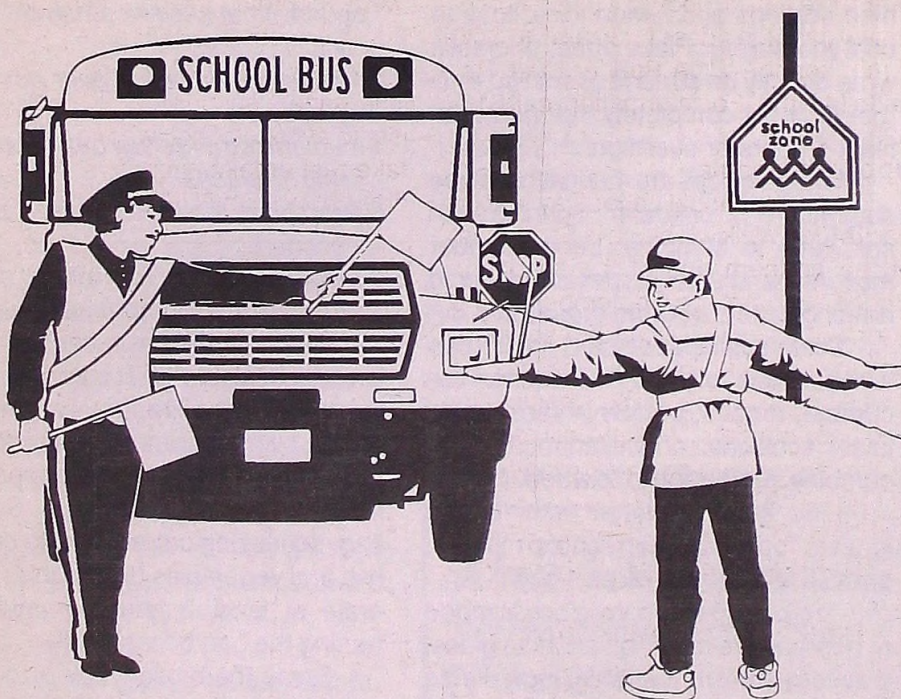
- ☐ If you're transporting children, retrain them properly in the back seat.
- ☐ Slow down around schools and in all residential areas.
- ☐ Look for clues that indicate children might be in the area (i.e., School Safety Patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles, school buses, playgrounds).
- ☐ Scan beneath parked cars and other objects for signs of children about to dart into the road.
- ☐ Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- ☐ Stop for stopped school buses when red overhead lights are flashing.
- ☐ Drive with headlights on (even during the day) so children and other drivers can SEE YOU.
- ☐ Buckle up every time you get in the car.

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It's Cool to Go to School Student Safety Tips

- ☐ If you ride to school in a car, always buckle up and sit in the back seat.
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- ☐ Go directly to and from school.
- ☐ Cross only at corners or designated areas.
- ☐ Cooperate with School Safety Patrols and adult crossing guards.
- ☐ Search left, then right, then left again for a safe gap in traffic before crossing.
- ☐ Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- ☐ Walk on the left side, far from the roadway, facing approaching traffic on roads without sidewalks.
- ☐ Be extra alert in bad weather.
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Savor Summer at Labor Day Events

This year's Labor Day weekend provides many special opportunities around the State to savor summer's closing, AAA Michigan reports.

The following events are just a sampling of what's happening in communities across Michigan.

Northern Lower Peninsula

The 7th Annual Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show is so big that it needs two locations to hold it! A free shuttle will run back and forth between Tawas City Park and Downtown East Tawas during the two-day event, set for Saturday, August 30, and Sunday, August 31. Exhibitors' amazing artistry displayed in some 300 booths will ensure that there is something to interest everybody. For information, call 517-362-8643.

Eastern Michigan

Celebrate 100 years of history with a weekend of fun at the Elkton Centennial, now through September 1. Activities going on all weekend will include a giant flea market/craft show, mud volleyball, karaoke, and a hog roast/community picnic. For information, call 517-375-2464.

Western Michigan

On Labor Day weekend, sailors in the Tri-State Regatta will arrive in St. Joseph – the midpoint of a race that begins in Chicago and ends in Michigan City, Indiana. The City will welcome the sailors and the public with open arms at the 13th Annual Sailing Festival, to be held on Saturday, August 30. Among the attractions: food, offered by local nonprofit organizations (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.); live music (noon to 4 p.m.); horse-drawn carriage rides (11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.); and the WCA Rubber Duck Regatta (4 p.m.). For information, call 616-923-6739.

Upper Peninsula

The 40th Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk will begin in St. Ignace, at the northern end of the Mackinac Bridge, at 7 a.m. on September 1, and end in Mackinaw City, at the southern end, at 11 a.m. The only vehicles allowed on the bridge will be wheelchairs and baby strollers. Walkers will receive

a number upon completion of the five-mile trek; that number may match a number on display in any of the participating store's windows in St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, qualifying the holder for a prize worth \$15 to \$150. For information, call 800-338-6660.

Southern Michigan

Jackson will conclude its 1997 fireworks shows in Cascade Falls Park on August 30. Gates will open at 6 p.m. Admission: \$3 (children five and under get in free). Ken Fourn's Big Band will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fireworks extravaganza will begin at approximately 9:40 p.m. For information, call 517-788-4320.

The Capital City Riverfest will serve as the grand finale to Lansing's summer season, with three and a half days of events from August 29 through September 1. Attractions will include: a Kids' Korral, "Fishtivities," entertainment stages, an international food court, arts & crafts displays, and the Electric Float Parade. Special features this year will include a laser light spectacular, a tented circus, Nickelodeon Double Dare, Gus Macker Basketball, and the Great State Skate. Finally, the event will be topped off by a spectacular fireworks display. For information, call 517-483-4499.

Southeast Michigan

The 1997 Michigan State Fair will continue through Labor Day at the State Fairgrounds, located at Eight Mile and Woodward in Detroit. Featured will be 62 amusement rides, livestock and agricultural exhibits, performances by national recording artists, and family fun. For information, call 313-369-8486.

As always, AAA Michigan and "the little paper" encourage holiday motorists to avoid alcohol, wear safety belts, take rest breaks every two hours, and obey speed limits. □

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CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

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Federal law-enforcement grants. During Oakley's latest term of office, the City has received seven such grants and used the money to update electronic data systems and increase staff. Currently, there are a total of 70 sworn officers, as opposed to the 56 who were employed when Oakley took office.

Another primary issue during the last campaign was the spending of the City's surplus fund balance.

"One of my top priorities was to stop unnecessary spending," Oakley stated. "Since I'm well known as a 'fiscal conservative,' no one was surprised when I began personally reviewing department spending requests, even if they had been previously budgeted. 'Just because it's in the budget, doesn't mean that you *have* to spend it' are words that every department head has heard repeatedly during my administration. Our increased surplus fund balance – 30% more than what existed when I took office – is proof of the success of this procedure."

Also high on the list of achievements is the increase in development.

"It's probably the greatest two-year improvement in private investment in the history of Romulus," said Oakley. "In the first 12 months following my election to office, housing starts increased 56%. Today, we have four major subdivisions underway, and Romulus is the second-fastest-growing community in Wayne County, with an increase of over \$76 million in assessed value from 1995 to 1996.

"I have also worked to improve lot-size and home-size requirements, as in the 650-home residential neighborhood being built at the corner of Merriman and Van Born," he added. "That development includes higher-valued homes and an 18-hole public golf course."

Oakley says that this growth will have a direct impact on the lives of residents. "The improvements in our home standards will improve life for all our citizens, as improvements in minimum standards have the effect of increasing the value of existing property in a community," he explained. "Higher property value means higher resale, more equity, and increased borrowing power for our existing residents.

"Further," he continued, "because the cost of running the City and its departments will be spread amongst more homes and businesses, current taxpayers will share a smaller portion of the tax load. As always, I want to get the best for Romulus, and that means getting the cost of government off the backs of the homeowners."

On the subject of other improvements, Oakley said, "Under my direction, and with the help of the City Council, Romulus has created a fund of \$4 million which has been set aside for

repairs to our city's streets and infrastructure at a time when the County is implementing a \$60-million road package. There is economy in size. Putting a road program together with the County is a good example of ways that improved cooperation can come home to help the City."

Oakley's belief that working together brings greater benefits is also evident in the new City-School Committee.

"I worked with Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, to form the City-School Committee in order to provide a forum to discuss issues of importance to the people of our community," Oakley said. "Items on the table for the committee currently include: transportation issues; policing; recreation; community information; and property maintenance. We hope that this committee will help to forge a partnership between the City and the Schools, similar to the partnerships that the City enjoys with the County and State governments, in order to perform tasks with economy of scale and quantity." The City-School Committee gets together monthly, alternating its meeting site between City Hall and the District's administration building on Grant Road.

Because Oakley places such importance on communication between government and citizens, he has implemented several new measures to increase public participation in and awareness of current issues. Chief among these is "The Mayor's Chair," a live "call-in" cable program during which audience members and viewers at home can ask questions about a variety of subjects. For example, said Oakley, the most recent segment of "The Mayor's Chair" dealt specifically with the work being done on Goddard Road in an attempt to clear up widespread misconceptions about the project.

"The City administration has taken a lot of heat regarding the Downtown development," said Oakley, "but most of it has been unjustified. I am not the one who signed the contracts, and the decision to do the project was made without my administration's input. Nevertheless, our employees and I have continued to do everything in our power to untangle problems as they have arisen and move things along in as timely a manner as possible."

Mayor Oakley and his wife Mary have four children (Melvin, Sheila, Brian, and Lisa) and nine grandchildren.

For more information about Oakley's candidacy, please call his campaign headquarters: 955-9551.

Theodore Romak

Theodore Romak believes that the City of Romulus is lacking in a number of areas, including recreation facilities for its young people.

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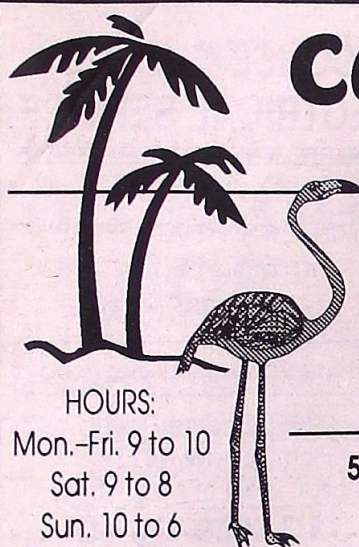
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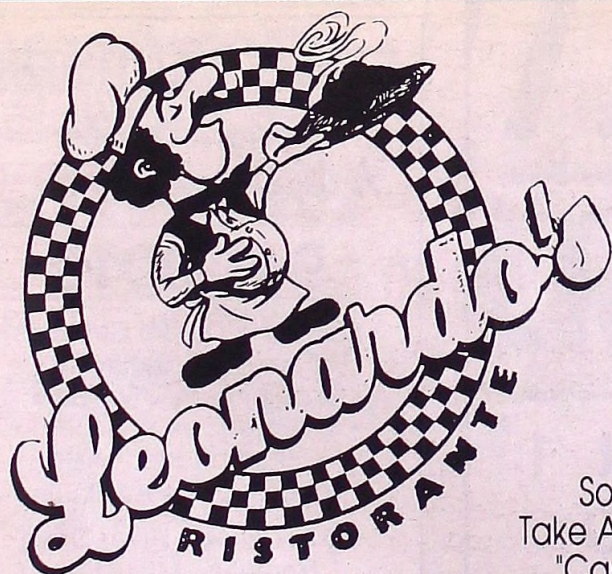
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St. Aloysius Festival

No Labor Day weekend is complete without a trip to the annual St. Aloysius Festival. Everyone is invited to attend the event, which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (located at 11280 Ozga Road, Romulus) on Friday, August 29, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 30, from 4 p.m. to midnight; Sunday, August 31, from noon to midnight; and Monday, September 1, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Highlights include:

Las Vegas Games

For many Festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at the game of blackjack. Betting varies from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$5, with a maximum winners per person per day of \$500.

The Las Vegas Tent will be open Friday, August 29, from 6 to 11:45 p.m.; Saturday, August 30, from 4:30 to 11:45 p.m.; Sunday, August 31, from 1 to 11:45 p.m.; and Monday, September 1, from 1 to 8:45 p.m.

Bingo!

For diehard bingo fans, a festival just isn't festive without a chance to indulge in their favorite pastime – and, luckily for them, the St. Aloysius Festival will again feature play throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are two for a quarter per game.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in one or two (or three or four or ...) raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (\$1 tickets; cash prizes of half the money from each hour's sales) and the one-for-\$2 or three-for-\$5 Raffle (three large prizes: \$3,000, \$1,000, and \$500). Better yet, since the proceeds from both raffles benefit such a worthy cause (all go to the St. Aloysius General Fund), why not buy plenty of each?

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the free entertainment at the St. Aloysius Festival. Be sure to come out and listen and/or dance to the music of the Polish Kid (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.), Duane Malinowski (Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m.), Pan Franek & Zosia (Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.), the Imperials of Toledo (Sunday from 7 to 11 p.m.), and Big Daddy (Monday from 2 to 8 p.m.).

Games/Arcade

Because the St. Aloysius Festival is meant to be a special event to be enjoyed by the entire community, those who put together the games and arcade section of the Festival try their best to offer a mixture of attractions for wide appeal. Both the young and the young-at-heart will enjoy "checking out" the many old favorites and new challenges offered this year.

Crafts/White Elephant

Twenty eight-foot tables will be covered with everything from Christmas gifts to baked goods. It's a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Food . . .

Of course, there'll be plenty of delicious food! Visit the Dining Room on Sunday between 12 and 5 p.m. to feast on homemade chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, rolls, dessert, and more (\$6 for adults, \$3 for kids, and \$1.50 for tots under five) – then come back Monday between 1 and 6 p.m. for spaghetti, salad, rolls, and Sunday's leftovers (\$4 for adults, \$2 for kids, and \$1.50 for tots under five). For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by Hamburger Villa for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, and pop.

. . . and Drink

This year's Spirit Tent will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and "nonalcoholic beer," in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup. You must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcohol.

Don't Forget To Say "Thanks"

The repeated success of the Festival is the result of a lot of hard work performed by many dedicated people. So while you're enjoying yourself, take some time to thank the *many* volunteers who make the fun happen, especially Festival chairman Richard Dick and the various activities chairpersons: Bob Nightingale (Advertising); Kris Moe (Finance); David and Laura Coomer (Las Vegas Tent); Joe Ozog and Al Salloum (Bingo!); Larry and Denise Kovacs (Games and Arcade); Cindy Coak (Entertainment); Diane Zaleski and Karen Charkiewicz (Crafts/White Elephant); Josephine Molenda and Vi Pawlowski (Kitchen); Mary Ann Ryznar (Dining Room); Steve Kertesz (Hamburger Villa); Dennis and Nancy Farmer and Bill and Cathy Sovinski (Spirit Tent); Dolores Abouno and Gail Bowman (Hourly 50/50 Raffles); and Richard Dick and Chuck Noel (\$2 Raffle). □



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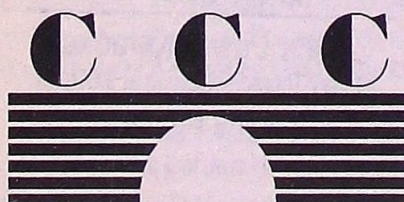
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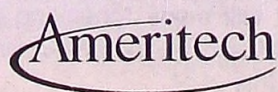
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Community Calendar

- **"Deadline Approaches for Fifth Reunion of the '50s"** – Romulus High School's classes of 1950–1959 will host their fifth annual Reunion of the '50s on Saturday, October 25, at the Crown Plaza–Detroit Metro Airport. Tickets for the event (social hour/cash bar at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; music/dancing after dinner) are \$40 per person/\$75 per couple. Checks should be made payable to "Gloria Chandler/Reunion for the '50s" and mailed to her at 9261 Ozga Road, Romulus, MI 48174, before September 1. In addition, the Crown Plaza is offering a reduced rate of \$69 per room for those wishing to stay overnight (make your reservations early!).
- **Cabaret Auditions** – The Huron Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its November production of *Cabaret* at the Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston, across from Michigan Memorial Park) on Friday, September 5, from 7 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, September 6, from 2 to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, September 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. Lead roles for five men and four women will be filled; additional supporting and chorus roles will also be available. Those auditioning should prepare a song from the show (or one of similar style) and dress ready to learn movement. All are welcome. *Cabaret* will be produced by Dorothy Holdren, directed by Nick Beasanski, and choreographed by Jane Beier. Production dates have been set for November 2–4 and 9–11, 1997. For information, call 313-782-5380.
- **Punt, Pass, and Kick** – Boys and girls born from 1982 through 1989 are invited to participate in the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, at Senior Citizens Park. Top finishers will move on to Sectional competition at Munson Park in Monroe on October 11. There is no registration fee, but participants must bring their birth certificate to the Recreation office at the time of sign-up. Registration must be made by 6 p.m. Friday, September 12.
- **Celebration in Honor of SCCOGIC Missionary** – Superintendent James L. Whitehead, Jr., pastor of the Saint City Church of God in Christ, invites the public to attend an afternoon of celebration in honor of missionary Mollie Ann Whitehead. The Celebration will be held at the Church (located at 7335 Washington in Romulus) on Sunday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m. For more information, please call 595-0629.
- **St. Paul's Seeks Crafters** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is seeking artists and crafters to participate in its 14th annual "Country and Craft Show," set for October 4–5. Spaces at this indoor show are \$30 without table/\$35 with table (for both days). For more information, contact Ilene Shaffer (753-4534) or the Church (753-9048).
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Applications Accepted for Kindergarten Readiness Program** – The Romulus Community Schools kindergarten readiness program (MDE program) – conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Center (located at 39000 Superior) – is currently accepting applications. Children must be four years old by December 1, 1997, in order to qualify. This program is free to eligible families, and services all families who meet at least two of the 25 established criteria. For more information, call 941-0610, ext. 40, or drop in at the Center (Room #19).

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Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

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DEFINITIONS

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| 1. Hold steadfastly to a purpose | 14. Aviators |
| 2. Elf or pixy | 15. A California county |
| 3. Rubbery stomach lining of cattle, used as food | 16. Pantry |
| 4. Short, heavy sticks or clubs | 17. Dismal; bleak |
| 5. Mud; mire; ooze | 18. Cherished; precious |
| 6. Castrates, as a horse | 19. Skin layer |
| 7. Small village | 20. One who hoards money and spends it reluctantly |
| 8. Platinum, gold, or silver | 21. Borders; edges |
| 9. Bluish green | 22. Worm with a segmented body |
| 10. Person who designs or produces women's clothing | 23. Deciduous tree with heart-shaped leaves; also called basswood |
| 11. Sprayed with fine droplets of water | 24. Creased; wrinkled |
| 12. One who believes in a god who exerts no influence on natural phenomena – who created the universe and then abandoned it | 25. Given or prone to reverie |
| 13. This Romulus street is also a type of lettuce | 26. Carrying a weapon |
| | 27. Female equine |
| | 28. Descendants; heirs |
| | 29. Makes, as money or a phrase |
| | 30. Image or representation of a sacred personage |

For solution, see page 14

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "LABOR DAY"

How many words of four or more letters can you find using only the letters in LABOR DAY? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 32 words can be found on page 14

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Little Red Riding Hood

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children on the Romulus Recreation Department's trip to see *Little Red Riding Hood* at the Northville Theatre on Saturday, September 13. The \$6-per-person cost includes transportation (bus will depart from the Recreation building at 1:30 p.m. and return around 4:30 p.m.) and admission. Deadline for registration: Thursday, September 11.

Elementary Soccer

A Saturday soccer program for students in grades three through six is scheduled to run at all local elementary schools from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning September 13 and continuing through October. Play will be indoors on bad-weather days. A T-shirt is included in the \$20 registration fee; partial scholarships are available.

Youth Basketball

The Recreation Department is expanding its youth basketball leagues. Leagues will be formed for third- and fourth-graders, fifth- and sixth-graders, Middle School students, and High School students; separate girls' leagues will be formed if there are enough registrants. Games and practices will be held in the evenings and on Saturdays. Watch

Watch for further details in school-distributed flyers or in "the little paper."

Coaches/Refs Needed

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for people interested in acting as coaches or referees for youth basketball and soccer leagues this fall (see above for details on leagues). For more information, please call the Recreation office.

Gymnastics

The fall gymnastics program, which will begin October 2, will be held at Romulus High School each Thursday according to the following schedule:

- preschool (6 to 6:45 p.m.);
- beginners (6:45 to 7:30 p.m.);
- intermediate (7:30 to 8:15 p.m.).

Cost is \$35 for residents; \$40 for non-residents.

Tai Chi

A 12-week Tai Chi program will be held at the Recreation building on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 29. Cost is \$30. Preregistration required.

Aerobics

Aerobics classes will be offered from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. four nights a week at two of the City's elementary schools beginning in late September and continuing for 10 weeks. Cost is \$40 for one night per week; \$54 for two nights a week; or \$69 for unlimited attendance. A \$3 registration will also be levied. Watch for further details.

Music in the Park

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"One of my first concerns as Mayor of the community would be the lack of recreational choices for the youth in our city," Romak stated. "As we look around at other communities in our area that are well equipped with hockey rinks, swimming pools, and many activities and events to keep our children busy, I find Romulus lacking in these areas."

"I would welcome the idea of the Recreation Department receiving a percentage of taxes on companies that come before us for a tax abatement," he continued, "or on new businesses coming into the City. Companies search out the best area for their particular business to flourish; why can't our community flourish along with the growing number of businesses that choose Romulus as their home?"

Romak also would like to see more City-wide events planned.

"I see a need for more community activities," he explained. "The new Pumpkin Festival is a great start, but we need to have more activities for the enjoyment of the senior citizens and other residents of our community."

In closing, Romak stressed his belief that government and residents must work hand in hand if anything positive is to be accomplished.

"Get involved in your community!" he urged. "We all need to work together to make Romulus a better place for us to live."

Romak invites residents to share their ideas with him and/or seek further information about his campaign. Contact him at 955-2743. □

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Each serving (4 ounces swordfish, 2 1/4 cup vegetable) provides: 1/2 Fat, 4 1/2 Fruit/Vegetable, 2 Protein/Milk, 55 Bonus Calories

Per Serving: 307 Calories, 8 g. Total Fat, 2 g. Saturated Fat, 56 mg. Cholesterol, 219 mg. Sodium, 17 g. Total Carbohydrate, 3 g. Dietary Fiber, 32 g. Protein, 63 mg. Calcium

Source: *Weight Watchers Slim Ways Italian*, 1996 □

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus Schools

RHS Football (Varsity)

- Romulus at Taylor Truman (Fri., Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Sat., Sept. 13, 1 p.m.)

RHS Football (JV)

- Taylor Truman at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 4, 7 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 11, 7 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Basketball

- Garden City at Romulus (Tue., Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- TIP-OFF CLASSIC Grosse Ile vs. Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m.)
- TIP-OFF CLASSIC FINALS Various Teams at Romulus (Sat., Sept. 6, Various Times)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Tue., Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m.)

RHS Cross Country

- Drbrn. Crestwood at Romulus (Thurs., Sept. 4, 4 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Tue., Sept. 9, 4 p.m.)

RHS Girls' Tennis

- Allen Park at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 3, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Fri., Sept. 5, 4 p.m.)
- News-Herald Tournament at Romulus (Sat., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Truman (Wed., Sept. 10, 4 p.m.)

RHS Golf

- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 3, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Truman (Fri., Sept. 5, 3:30 p.m.)
- Allen Park at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti-Lincoln at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 10, 3:30 p.m.)

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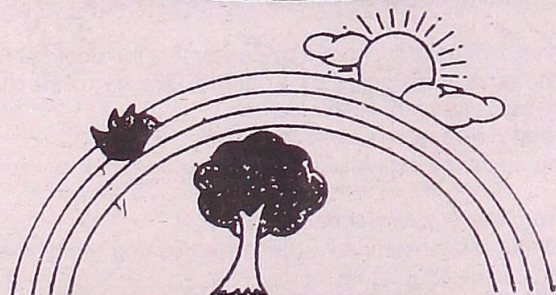
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in September: Eva Baker, Bernice Bell, Alice Briggs, Joe Gormastic (staff), Ray Moomaw, Ella Roza, and Lu Yarde.

Basham To Host Breakfast Forums

State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor/Romulus) is inviting all area senior citizens to discuss issues and concerns of importance to them at his first annual breakfast forums – one to be held at Ford Senior Center (6750 Troy in Taylor) on Thursday, September 11; the second to be conducted at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, September 18. Both events will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a discussion at 9:30 a.m.

Among the topics to be covered will be taxes, health care, and elder care.

"I am looking forward to meeting with all seniors from Romulus and Taylor," said Basham, who is Vice Chair of the Advanced Technology and Computer Development Committee and also a member of the Conservation, Environment and Recreation, Insurance and Public Retirement committees. "I rely heavily on my constituents' and neighbors' input, and I listen to their concerns so that I may effectively respond to their needs."

For more information, contact the Ford Senior Center (291-7740) or the Romulus Senior Center. Interested citizens may also contact Basham at his Lansing office: 517-373-0852.

Pumpkin Festival Participants

A variety of beautiful, handmade items created by some of the Romulus Senior Center's most talented crafters will be on display at the Center on Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Sunday, September 21, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the City of Romulus' first annual Pumpkin Festival. Be sure to drop by to shop and/or refresh yourself with one of the beverages which will be on sale, as well.

Crafters age 50 and older who would like to take part should sign up at the Center right away, as space is limited.

City Slickers

September's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *City Slickers*, a 1991, four-star, PG-13-rated comedy starring Billy Crystal, Jack Palance (who won the "Best Supporting Actor" Oscar for his portrayal of "Curly"), Daniel Stern, and Jon Lovitz – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 19.

Refreshments will be served.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center's next potluck – set for Friday, September 26, at 1 p.m. – will feature a hearty main dish of "poor man's shepherd pie" in keeping with the dinner's "Wild West" theme.

As always, you're invited to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. (Next date: September 8.) Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment.

Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m. beginning in September); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation.

Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about the "Meals on Wheels" program, call 1-800-851-1454.

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement.

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- Wyandotte at Romulus
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- Romulus at Riverview
(Sun., Sept. 21, 12:00 p.m.)
- HOMECOMING GAME
Taylor at Romulus
(Sat., Sept. 27, 1:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park
(Sat., Oct. 4, 11:00 a.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus
(Sun., Oct. 12, 1:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Huron River
(Sun., Oct. 19, 12:00 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus
(Sat., Oct. 25, 12:00 p.m.)

They Went Totally Bananas!



Winners of the Romulus Senior Center's "2nd Annual Banana-dressing Contest" were (from left) Edith Godwin ("animals"), Richard Jackson ("eras"), and Jackie Pregler ("person").

ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 10

LEAPFROG:

- 1) persist; 2) sprite; 3) tripe
- 4) cudgels; 5) sludge; 6) gelds
- 7) hamlet; 8) metal; 9) teal
- 10) modiste; 11) misted; 12) deist
- 13) Romaine; 14) airmen; 15) Marin
- 16) larder; 17) drear; 18) dear
- 19) dermis; 20) miser; 21) rims
- 22) annelid; 23) linden; 24) lined
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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 11, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 11, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed Member Howard Kesner absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Arthur McPharlin, Director of Technology, were absent (excused). Member Kesner arrived at 7:31 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/97/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/97/2 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of July 28, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval: Employment – Daniel McCabe, Social Studies/Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997; and Kim Jensen, Science/Middle School, Effective September 2, 1997.

8/97/3 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb to accept the recommendations of Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/97/4 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and issue letters of layoff to teachers on the attached list of Baron's School of Choice and the effective date of that layoff. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/97/5 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kesner that the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools proceed upon the tenure charges filed by Acting Superintendent Joel R. Carr against tenure teacher, John Lynch. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/97/6 Moved by Lenossi supported by Kesner that John Lynch be suspended from active performance of duty in accordance with Article IV, Section 3(1) of the Teacher Tenure Act. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/97/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Paving Needs

8/97/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek that the Board of Education continue our contract with Cadillac Asphalt to finish drainage and paving projects. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls

8/97/9 Moved by Kesner supported by Webb that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 1997-98 Alternate Program for Pregnant Girls as per the attached letter and agreement from the Garden City Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Milk Bids

8/97/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the milk bid to Tom Davis & Sons for the 1997-98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cafeteria Bread Bids

8/97/11 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the bread bid to Independent Bakery for the 1997-98 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barton Malow Presentation

8/97/12 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek that the Board of Education confirm Barton Malow as Program Manager for the proposed joint School-City project. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

City-School Committee

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, discussed the tentative agenda for the City-School Meeting to be held on August 14, 1997.

MASB Elections

8/97/13 Moved by Woods supported by Kesner that the Board of Education cast their ballot for candidates to serve as members to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of School Boards. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience expressed their concerns and/or opinions to the Board of Education.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following item of interest with the Board of Education: 1) 1997 Leadership Camp memo.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Michael Woods stressed to administration that we hire competent people.

Mrs. Eva Webb expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education for their condolences on the death of a family member.

Mrs. Betty M. Lenossi inquired as to the status of Baron's School. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, responded.

8/97/14 Moved by Gondek supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education discontinue all involvement with Baron's School of Choice Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Canceled.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/97/15 Moved by Lenossi supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 18, 1997

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 18, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed Members Michael Woods and Howard Kesner absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent; Mr. Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; and Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum, were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/97/16 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlenn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Executive Session

8/97/17 Moved by Webb supported by Berlenn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:23 P.M.

Discussion with Barton Malow - Bond Issue Needs

The Board of Education and Committee members discussed the School District's needs. Such included technology, physical education and swimming pool needs, and possible new elementary school, etc.

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlenn, who is a member of the Wayne County Association of School Boards, requested the Board of Education's input for accommodating the Association's November meeting at Cory Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/97/18 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlenn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 20, 1997

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, August 20, 1997 was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Review of Initiatives

Administrative Staff updated the Board of Education on the status of the Initiatives and responded to questions by members of the Board.

Ms. Phyllis Adkins presented for the School Community Committee.

Ms. Linda Cook presented for the Technology Committee.

Mr. Earl Cornett presented for the Preschool Committee.

Mr. Daniel Hurst/Ms. Lynne Mossoian/Mr. Ed Clark presented for the Outcomes and Assessment Committee.

Mrs. Jeffery Royal and Ms. Chris Powers presented for the Climate Committee.

Board Member Comments

The Board of Education was pleased with the progress we have made and the manner in which we are operationalizing the goals of each Initiative. The Board is also appreciative of the time and energy expended by the committee facilitators in bringing Romulus Community Schools to this point. We are well ahead of most districts in the Country in this regard.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/97/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Mack Burkett

Mack Burkett of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, August 26, 1997. He was 59 years old.

Mack was as born in Toledo, Ohio, on November 3, 1937, and married Judy (Dunkelburger) Burkett on May 7, 1971. The Ford Motor Company retiree was also a member of United Auto Workers Local #898 and the Romulus Men's Golf League.

Surviving Mack are his wife Judy

and one son, Robert M. Burkett (Romulus, MI).

A funeral service was held Thursday, August 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Michael L. Dunkelburger officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Rosemarie C. (Foley) Cowley

Rosemarie C. (Foley) Cowley of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, August 17, 1997, at the age of 65.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on October 31, 1931.

Rosemarie is survived by one son, Donald L. Cowley (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mary Roberts (Woodhaven, MI); one sister, Mrs. Mary Virginia Gilley (Wicksburg, AL); one brother, Richard Patrick Foley (Livonia, MI); two grand-

children; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald E. Cowley.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

Joyce M. (Fitzgibbon) Hiveley

Joyce M. (Fitzgibbon) Hiveley of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, August 15, 1997. She was 72 years old.

Joyce was born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 24, 1925, and married Charles Hiveley on May 27, 1942.

Surviving Joyce are her husband Charles; two daughters, Ms. Carole Ann Clasen and Ms. Kathy M. Sewejkis (both of Romulus, MI); one son, Charles Lee

Hiveley (Romulus, MI); one brother, Carroll Dodds (Florida), seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday, August 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Brad Lewis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery (Westland, MI).

William J. Kaiser

William J. Kaiser of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, August 17, 1997, at the age of 62.

Born in Lincoln Park, Michigan, on July 5, 1935, the Sieberts Oxidermo paint factory employee was also a member of the Moose and American Legion organizations.

Surviving William are his mother, Mary Ruth Kaiser (Allen Park, MI); his girlfriend, Judy Martin; his four sons, William J. Kaiser Jr. (Wyandotte, MI), Michael Kaiser (Seattle, WA), Cary Kaiser (Willow, MI), and Cory Lake (Romulus, MI); his two daughters, Sheryl Cundiff (Grove City, OH) and Susan M. Bishop (Fort Meyers, FL); eight grandchildren; and one brother, Donald E. Dupler (Sommerset, OH). He was predeceased by his father, William Kaiser.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 20, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William L. Morris (St. John Lutheran Church, Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park (Livonia, MI).



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